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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA – FRESNO DIVISION

MARIA SOSA, L.S. BY AND THROUGH
GUARDIAN *AD LITEM* MARIA SOSA, M.S.
BY AND THROUGH GUARDIAN *AD*
LITEM JENNIFER LOPEZ, INDIVIDUALLY
AND AS SUCCESSORS-IN-INTEREST TO
MAXIMILIANO SOSA.

Plaintiffs,

v.

CITY OF FRESNO; AND DOES 1-5,

Defendants.

Case No.: 1:24-cv-01039-EPG

Assigned to: The Hon. Jennifer L. Thurston

**NOTICE OF RELATED CASE PURSUANT
TO LOCALE RULE 123 (B)**

TO THE HONORABLE COURT, ALL PARTIES AND THEIR ATTORNEYS OF
RECORD, pursuant to Local Rule 123(b), non-party Martha Zepeda Olivares, individually and
on behalf of the Estate of Maximiliano Sosa, Jr., and Maximiliano Sosa, Sr. hereby provides
notice of the following related case, Martha Zepeda Olivares, individually and on behalf of the
Estate of Maximiliano Sosa, Jr., and Maximiliano Sosa, Sr. v. City of Fresno, et al, Case No.
1:23-cv-01575, filed on November 7, 2023.

STATEMENT OF RELATIONSHIP OF CASES

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Both cases involve the same events, are based on the same set of facts surrounding the incident that led to both lawsuits, involve the same defendants and officers, and raise similar issues regarding excessive force and the City of Fresno's policies.

The current case, filed by Maria Sosa (the decedent's wife) and her two minor children, includes claims for excessive force under the Fourth Amendment, denial of medical care, interference with familial relationship, municipal liability, Americans with Disabilities Act violations, and various state law claims including battery, negligence, and violation of the Bane Act.

The related case, filed by Martha Zepeda Olivares (the decedent's mother), Maximiliano Sosa, Sr. (the decedent's father), and the Estate of Maximiliano Sosa, Jr., includes claims for Fourth Amendment violations, deprivation of familial relationship under the Fourteenth Amendment, municipal liability and other causes of action.

SAVINGS OF JUDICIAL EFFORT AND OTHER ECONOMIES

Despite minor differences in the specific causes of action, both cases arise from the same incident, involve the same primary defendants, and will likely require similar evidence, witnesses, and depositions of individuals. Assigning both cases to the same Judge and/or Magistrate Judge would likely result in substantial judicial efficiency and prevent duplication of labor, as the same or similar factual and legal issues will need to be addressed in both cases.

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